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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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<b>2001 Assembly Bill 695</b>	<b>Assembly Amendment 1</b>
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2001 Assembly Bill 695 relates to the qualifications of foresters employed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The *bill* requires that any person hired by the DNR as a forester have a bachelor's degree or a graduate degree in forestry. *Assembly Amendment 1* (AA 1) makes technical changes to the wording of this requirement to ensure that the bill accomplishes the author's stated intent, that the requirement applies only to new hires and not to incumbent personnel.

The *bill* allows a qualified person working under the supervision of a DNR forester to mark timber on state forest land for harvesting. *AA 1* substitutes the word "oversight" for the word "supervision" to clarify that the oversight required is not in the nature of employment supervision.

On January 24, 2002, the Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry voted to recommend adoption of AA1 by a vote of Ayes, 8; and Noes, 0; it voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, by the same vote.

On February 7, 2002, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on a voice vote and passed Assembly Bill 695, as amended, on a voice vote.

On February 28, 2002, the Senate Environmental Resources Committee recommended concurrence in Assembly Bill 695 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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